

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Michael R. Sogard, residing at 516 Placitas Avenue, Menlo Park, California 94025, Michael Kovalerchik, residing at 23159 Canyon Terrace, Castro Valley, California 94552, and Douglas C. Watson, residing at 1353 Cameo Drive, Campbell, California 95008; verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled STAGE ASSEMBLY HAVING A FOLLOWER ASSWEMBLY, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; or that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys JIM ROSE, Registration No. 34,239, STEVEN G. ROEDER, Registration No. 37,227, and JAMES P. BRODER, Registration No. 43,514 with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

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Wherefore, we pray that a letters patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Belmont, CA, this 20 day of
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